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- 1. AS SADAT HAD REQUESTED, I TODAY GAVE VP MUBARAK DRAFT ANNOUNCEMENT CITED REFTEL AND TOLD HIM WE PROPOSE SIMULTANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENT 1100 HOURS WASHINGTON TIME, JANUARY 28, WHICH WOULD BE 1800 HOURS CAIRO TIME. MUBARAK, WHO HAD BEEN BRIEFED BY THE PRESIDENT, SAID HE WISHED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH SADAT BEFORE GIVING A REPLY. HE CALLED BACK MID-AFTERNOON TO SAY (A) PROPOSED SIMULTANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENT AT TIMES INDICATED ABOVE, JANUARY 28, AGREEABLE, AND (B) DRAFT ANNOUNCEMENT IS SATISFACTORY.
- 2. MUBARAK THEN PROCEEDED TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHERE THE PRESIDENT'S AIRCRAFT SHOULD LAND AND DEPARTURE TIMES. TOLD HIM I WOULD WORK OUT THESE MATTERS WITH PRESIDENCY DIRECTOR HASSAN KAMEL SOON AS ANNOUNCEMENT MADE. MUBARAK INDICATED THIS WAS AGREEABLE AND SAID HE HAD TODAY, ON A STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, INFORMED SECRET

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FONMIN KAMEL AND HASSAN KAMEL OF THE UPCOMING VISIT. HE HAD INSTRUCTED THEM TO SAY NOTHING ABOUT IT TO ANYONE UNTIL THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE ON JANUARY 28.

3. RE PARA 4 REFTEL, DATES PROPOSED FOR SADAT'S VISIT WOULD BE VIRTUALLY CO-TERMINUS WITH THOSE PROPOSED FOR SAYED MAREI VISIT. I BELIEVE IT WOULD STILL BE USEFUL

IF MAREI AND EGYPTIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP WERE TO VISIT U.S. IMMEDIATELY AFTER RPT AFTER SADAT'S VISIT IN ORDER TO CONDUCT EXPLANATORY TALKS AND FOLLOW UP ON THAT VISIT. MAREI IN PARTICULAR WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT PERSON TO PUT TO REST SOME DOUBTS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN RAISED AMONG MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS AND AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY ABOUT SADAT'S RECENT ACTIONS. HENCE, I URGE THAT WE PROCEED WITH APPROACHING CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS WITH A VIEW TO THEIR EXTENDING INVITATION. EILTS

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